

Minutes of the Wimborne & Colehill Home Watch Annual General Meeting 2019

in the Quarterjack Suite, The Allendale Centre, on Wednesday 15th May 2019, 7pm.

1. Introduction: Graham Mallett, Chairman, welcomed everyone. The number of attendees including Committee Members and PCSOs Neal Rooke (C/M) & James Marsh (Fe) was 29.
Apologies: – Heather Bartlett (WB Coord), Peter Shenton (WW Coord), Ingrid Fido (Examiner).
2. Policing update plus Q&A PCSO Neal Rooke:

Current issue of antisocial driving mainly in car parks. Patrols. Quick fix!

Re-energising Pub Watch and Shop Watch, going very well.

Decrease in house burglaries, but expect ASB increase into the summer months.

'County lines' problem nationally (Wimborne no exception). Organised gangs from inner cities distributing drugs. They seek out vulnerable users and 'cuckoo' the address. Police try to ascertain vulnerable users – look out for strangers calling at address regularly, top end cars with brand new plates. Occupant may not be seen about. Please ring the Police if you have suspicions.

Janet Dover asked if Colehill crime was included? It is.

John Shave asked if Police Surgeries were being reviewed. Routine ones will go. More hotspot surgeries. No more Costa meetings. Volunteer will be coming in to cover social media for the Police.

Rotas vary so much – PCSO Julia Saunders does 2 shifts a week. 2nd PC coming from Poole (to replace C/M PC Morgan who has gone to the Met) but station-bound at present due to injury, possibly here in June (he was Verwood PCSO some years ago).

Neighbourhood Inspector Simon Perry is shared with North Dorset section.

Volunteers needed for SpeedWatch. Crime Prevention Teams are still needed.

3. Chairman's Report

Firstly, we received the Dorset Police '**Watch Group of the Year**' award in February.

Crime Prevention Team sessions (joint Police Officers/Home Watch reps) have continued when required, although we've not needed one so far in 2019 – good news! However John Baker has resigned as the co-ordinator so we're looking for a volunteer.....

The retirement of Contacts continues to cause problems when a replacement hasn't been identified. It would be a great help if all Contacts had a nominated deputy, to fill in during absence and/or to take over the group if needed. There is then a much better prospect of groups continuing.

We still have a vacancy for a Co-ordinator for the Leigh Road area (currently 4 groups).

We want people to join up to the DorsetAlert.co.uk messaging system – only a small proportion of members are on it. (How many came as a result of the Alert meeting reminder last week? None!)

The Police / Home Watch Surgeries in both Wimborne and Colehill will come to an end shortly.

PACT Panels ('Partners & Communities Together' - Wimborne rep John Shave, Colehill & Stour rep Graham Mallett) have met at least 4 times a year. Police, Home Watch, Council Officers, local councillors and agencies plus voluntary organisations meet to address issues and agree actions to address them. If you have an issue concerning your neighbourhood you would like the Panel to

address, contact your local Councillor or email your rep.

Next PACT meetings are - Colehill & Stour 20/6/19, Wimborne 3/7/19.

SpeedWatch in Wimborne & Colehill has not restarted due to lack of volunteers. Contact Nigel Bailey (see **Update**) or contact the Chairman for further information. Nigel explained details of how it works. We need new volunteers as at least 3 volunteers are needed for each session. There are 80+ teams in Dorset. The 'Surround the Town' project is used to blitz a particular urban area.

Subs: In 2020 we expect that another BTGTF offer (buy two get two free!) will be possible, or an even longer period. Given the huge amount of work involved in collecting subs, our aim is to keep subs collection on not less than a 4 year cycle.

Current crime stats are on www.police.uk – but ignore the 'SNT' headings and the rest of the information! – the Chairman has been trying for 14 months to get the Police to update these pages – 'SNTs' were scrapped THREE years ago!

The Chairman handed over to John Shave to cover ADW AGM highlights from last week:

@ PCC planning to introduce a “contract” between local community/Watch/council and the NPT regarding attendance at meetings etc.

@ PCC agreed to provide a grant to Association of Dorset Watches for current year

@ ADW to reserve funds for new Watch schemes e.g. to hire local room for kick-off meeting

@ Brian Frecknall and Roger Long received Certificates of Appreciation from the Chief Constable for Sheduction and the Ferndown Community Office

@ PCC has to compensate for withdrawal of any central grant

@ ADW Strategy accepted. Next step is to develop Implementation Plan

@ New toolkits available on www.ourwatch.org.uk website covering such items as Loneliness and Vulnerability, Modern Slavery, Terrorism.

Public Liability insurance cover continues, but 1) only for Registered schemes, 2) for volunteers under age 80 (this is being followed up!)

Wimborne PACT – Problem of ‘A’ boards in Town Centre raised. Council has produced guidance. Anthony Oliver explained that not all of the problem boards are sited outside the businesses to which they relate. Janet suggested writing to Dorset Council. (Who has liability for injury? The shop! Bring that point up). Graham will check with Wimborne PACT to see if that avenue is being pursued.

4. Matters Arising from May 2018 AGM – one correction 'please' > 'plea' – no matters arising.
5. Financial Report and Adoption of Accounts – Treasurer John Poat summarised the accounts. Proposed by John Shave, seconder Anthony Oliver. The accounts were approved unanimously.
6. Appointment of Independent Examiner – Ingrid Fido has offered her services again. Proposed by Nigel Bailey, seconder John Burden. She was appointed unanimously.
7. Election of Officers
Posts held for 2 years but John Poat is only standing for one year:
Chairman – Graham Mallett, proposed by John Shave, seconder Joan Taylor, elected unanimously. Vice Chair – Keith Baker, Treasurer - John Poat, both proposed by Nigel Bailey, seconder John Shave, elected unanimously.
8. AOB – Vote of thanks to Graham Mallett by Joan Taylor was applauded.

Meeting ended at 8.05pm (1 hr)